involved in the pending measures, and the

eyes of the world will be fixed upon the

which the commerce of the world is con-

A Lively Start Expected.

The session will start off in a lively gait.

There will be contention from the very out-

set, and great interests will be constantly

pitted against each other throughout. It

will be a lively game and well worth watch-

ing. Perhaps there may not be the master-

ful debates of past times when other big

problems were solved. The work will be

done mostly beneath the legislative surface.

in committee, through conference, by ma-

nipulation and maneuver; the legerdemain

of parliamentary practice may be invoked

The audience may not see the shuffling,

but it will be interested in the dealing

and see the result of the play plainly enough. All in all, it promises to be a

The first week of the session will be engrossed with consideration of the Nicaragua caral bill. That will come up in the House

and it will pass that body by an overwhelm-

Two Important Bills.

Court's Philippines decision will be revised

by the republican leaders, and the bill to

provide a subsidy for the American mer-

chant marine will be perfected by the com-

Senate will be made on a proposition to grant the Filipinos some tariff concessions.

It will be claimed that such action would facilitate the growth of friendly relations

between the Americans and the Filipinos.

The suggestion will be bitterly opposed by

interests in this country now enjoying the

fact has not been generally commented

upon that the Taft commission recommend-

ed a reduction. On page 28 of the last re-

port of the Taft commission is the follow-

the United States duty on tobacco, hemp and sugar and other merchandise coming

from these islands it is certain that the

trade between them and the United States will increase by leaps and bounds. Such

generosity would much strengthen the bonds between the Filipino and American

Opposed to Tariff Modification.

The republican leaders of the House are

absolutely opposed to the slightest modifi-

the same spirit. Since the meeting of this

Congress, however, and especially since the

passage of the Philippines tariff bill by the

House, there have been murmurings against

the dominant policy. Some influential west-ern republican newspapers are in open re-

means committee, and are urging the Sen-

ate to breach the wall built up by the

Philippine products coming to this coun

port tax as well, in many cases. It is

known that some republican senators are

giving careful consideration to the Philip-

pine tariff bill, and are not altogether sat-

isfied with its provisions as it passed the

in committee next week, is pretty generally understood. Its provisions in outline have

been explained by Senator Frye, but when

companied by an exhaustive statement of

believed that the prospects of this bill are

Another Cuban problem will come up in

Congress before the winter ends. The dis-

patches from Cuba today tell of the re-

sult of the election held in the island yes-

encouraging in both House and Senate.

terms and probable effect. It is now

The shipping bill, which will be considered

try are not only subject to the heavy du-ties of the Dingley bill, but bear an ex-

volt against the course of the ways

House against Philippine commerce.

people, and it is earnestly recommended.

enefit of a high protective tariff.

The fight over the Philippines bill in the

mittee on commerce.

ing recommendation:

While politics will be played, no doubt-

American Congress.

to turn some tricks.

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BUSY CONGRESS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Many Measures of Great Importance | President Roosevelt's First Public to Be Settled. Reception.

WILL START AT A LIVELY GAIT WHITE HOUSE A BRILLIANT SCENE

Opposition to Amending the Tariff Lady Pauncefore First to Extend Good Wishes.

ANOTHER CUBAN PROBLEM AT THE CABINET HOMES

Nineteen hundred and two bestowed its Today marks the beginning of the end of choicest benedictions in the way of sunthe congressional holiday recess, and absent statesmen will soon be coming back to the shine and weather for President Roosecapital for the resumption of the legislative | velt's first New Year reception. Its charm sessions next Monday. Most of the lead- was contagious and every face smiled in ers of the House and Senate have remain- enjoyment of conditions on which physical ed in the city during the recess, and there and mental comforts depended. The electric lights paled before the entry of King have been many informal conferences on Sol, and few of the hundreds who passed the work ahead of the two houses. over the threshold knew whether they were When Congress reassembles Monday it lighted or not. The White House was brave will be for a very important session, and in its New Year dress, and the most inone likely to extend far into the summer. teresting spot in the United States, while Legislation of great importance to the nathe chief executive, his wife and official tion is awaiting action. Questions of interfamily received the hearty congratulations national as well as domestic significance are

A Brilliant Scene.

and good wishes of officials and residents.

The scene within the historic mansion was one of extraordinary beauty and brilliancy, and there was an added touch of for material for the coming congressional campaign must be looked after-the acts of interest in the occasion this year from the fact that this was the first official function this assemblage of the representatives of the people will affect more than the interof magnitude with Mr. Roosevelt and his ests of the United States, stupendous as interesting family as the central figures. Early in the day an army of decorators and florists took possession of the mansion they are. Not only are affairs vital to our insular dependencies to be dealt with, but and transformed the stately corridors and parlors into bowers of paims, potted plants other questions will be passed upon in and sweet-smelling flowers.

> with a myriad of electric lights, and to this was added the beauty of a profusion o flowers, plants and vines, banked about the mantels and draped from chandeliers and walls. The floral decorations reached their height of effectiveness in the east room. Here the great crystal chandeliers were leoped with smilax, while the recesses of the chamber were banked with poinsetta blossoms, begonias and tall ferns. In the red and blue parlors there was the same effective disposition of flowers and plants, the flaming red of the poinsetta being most apparent everywhere.

In the outer corridor, just within the entrance, the band of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., sixty strong, in their brilliant uniforms, were arranged in tiers, while further along in the conservatory was the full membership of the Marine Band, in bright red uniforms. While the musicians were taking their places the Roosevelt children were having a merry time through the cor-ridors, and one of them could be heard playing the "Kangaroo March" in the private apartments of the presidential family The reception was just a minute or two

ing majority. But in the meantime its Secretary Cortelyou and Col. Bingham were whence so many measures of on hand early-close to 10 o'clock. Every approach to the mansion and every threscussion in the House will probably only hold within it, was manned by either the attaches of the household, its servants or draw out a foreshadowing of the opposition to be presented in the Senate, a mere hinta policeman. Precautions were doubly se-cure, and every detail looking to the convenience and comfort of those especially invited or of the public had been carefully While this is going on in the House the results were splendid committees of the Senate will be busy with and amply justified the attention given two bills which will later consume much

First Arrivals.

The official program of the day fixed 11 o'clock as the time for opening the reception with the calls of the members of the cabinet and the foreign representatives, but some time before that hour the approaches leading up to the marble portico were filled with carriages, while long lines of people took position at the outer gates in order to have points of vantage when Shortly before 11 o'clock the throngs of

First came the members of the diplomatic dent in medals and decorations. It was a most cosmopolitan throng, with the orien tal silks of the Chinese minister and his and the more modern but equally gorgeous attire of the Japanese and Coreans conspicuous amid the groups of diplomatists. The diplomatic corps and the ladies o the receiving party came in by the south state dining room, where wraps were laid splendor to American eyes was in progress in the red parlor, where the diplomatic corps awaited the signal to enter the blue room. The absence of Lord Pauncefote, kept at home by indisposition, put a woman at the head of that august body for the first time probably in our nation's history. Lady Pauncefote had the honor of being the first to present New Year greetings to regrets at not being able to be present.

Assisted in Receiving. The official list of the ladies invited to assist was as follows:

Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Knox. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Hitchcock, Miss

The ladies invited to the blue room were

The Misses Hay, Miss Root, Miss Knox, the Misses Hitchcock, Mrs. George B. Cor-Mrs. T. A. Bingham, Mrs. David J. Hill Mrs. William Cary Sanger, Mrs. Charles H. Darling, Mrs. Fuller, the Misses Fuller, Mrs. Harlan, the Misses Harlan, Miss Child, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Brewer, Miss Brewer, Miss Goodwin, Mrs. Shiras, Mrs. White, Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. McKenna, the Misses Mc-Kenna, Mrs. William B. Bate, Miss Mastin, Mrs. J. C. Burrows, Mrs. Shelby M. Cul-lom, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Paulding, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Miss Elkins, Mrs. Chas. W. Fairbanks, Mrs. Joseph B. Foraker, Miss Foraker, Mrs. Eugene Hale, Mrs. M. A. Hanna, the Misses Hanna, Miss Phelps, Mrs Rhodes, Mrs. J. K. Jones, Mrs. Kean, the Misses Kean, Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, Mrs. Geo. Cabot Lodge, Mrs. A. J. Gardner, Mrs. James McMillan, Miss McMillan, the Misse Proctor, Miss Proctor, Mrs. Henry M. Teller, Mrs. John Dalzell, Mrs. Charles H. Grosvenor, Mrs. Robert R. Hitt, Mrs. S. E. Payne, Miss Richardson, Mrs. J. C. Sibley, Mrs. George W. Steele, Mrs. Frederic Storm, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Corbin, Mrs. John M. Wilson, Miss Waller, Mrs. George M. Sternberg, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. P. M. Rixey, Mrs. English, Miss Taunt, Mrs. W. K. Van Ross, Mrs. John R. Procter, Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrd. Sartoris, the Misses Sartoris, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, Miss Ken-

create the executive and legislative departments of the new republic. When a after certain conditions heretofore imposed withdrawal will be accompanied by the establishment of trade relations between the new republic and the United States, in the making of which will be another big

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

announced the coming of the President and party. No need for the Marine Band to stir the imagination nor to excite the pulses of those who were waiting to see President ious function for the first time. Every face trace of suppressed excitement and reflected something of the President's happiness. The President acknowledged the bows made him as he passed down the corridor to the blue room door, as did his

The gathering which the distinguished couple met there had fond faces in it. The President's daughter, Miss Roosevelt, and the young children of the household, his sister, Mrs. Cowles; his closest friends, Senator and Mrs. Lodge, were in the front row, and very naturally were the first to pay him honor as the head of the nation. This impromptu exchange of greetings broke up all the stiffness or formality that might have followed if the regular program had followed to the letter. Mrs. Cowles led the receiving party by a convenient break in the phalanx at the President's left hand, passed him and Mrs. Roosevelt down and heartily with each person in it. It was a happy gathering and the incident a most felicitous one. But it took just fifteen precious minutes by the gilt clock on the other quarter of an hour in which to say nice things to each other. Standing with the President and his wife

were Mrs. Root, Mrs Charles Emory Smith, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Knox and Miss Wilson. Secretary Gage, wearing a red carna-tion in the buttonhole of his frock coat; Secretary Root, Secretary Long, Secretary Attorney General Knox and Secretary Wilson were conspicuous figures Commander Cowles and Dr. Rixey, both

in uniform, were also present. The presentations were made to the President by Col. Bingham, whose duties repeated for Mrs. Roosevelt by Maj. Gilmore. Maj. McCawley was also in attend-

ly cordial and in more than one instance so far removed from the current idea of formality that might obtain where his characteristics were not well known as to e a surprising delight to its recipient. shook hands so heartly that the ups and downs of high right shoulder showed the vigor he was putting into the exercise Roosevelt carried a bouquet in her left hand and gave the prettiest of handshakes, coupled with the sweetest of smiles

Mrs. Roosevelt's Toilet.

Mrs. Roosevelt looked exceedingly pretty and youthful in a white dress. The material was a very heavy white silk, corded about an inch apart. A square of Irish lace, with revers of lace, trimmed the bodice, and the high collar, also of lace, was finished at the back with a rosette of white tulle. A few jewels were worn in the corsage and diamond topped combs held back the smoothly dressed hair. An ornament of white leaves, in which diamond drops glistened, was also worn in the hair. Mrs. Roosevelt's right glove, which was snowy white at the start, was far from that color an hour later, but the tired little hand within it gave no evidence that its owner felt any fatigue. The bouquet she carried was of pink and purple orchids.

Gowns of the Receiving Party. Mrs. Root wore pale blue satin striped crepe and a deep collarette of Irish point. Mrs. Knox was in white brocade and crystal passementeries. Mrs. Smith wore light gray satin; Mrs. Hitchcock, in mauve brocade and lace, and Miss Wilson, in white satin that had appliques of leaves and roses in natural colors.

Miss Roosevelt was in pure white mouss line de soie, and wore the pearls and dia-mond ornaments that were her father's

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silk; Mrs. Sternberg, white silk; Mrs. Rixey, white silk; the Misses Sheridan, hite crepe; Mrs. James G. Blaine, jr., etted black lace; Miss Lena Morton, gray repe; Miss Hitchcock, gray crepe and coral Mrs. David J. Hill, black and white

With the Diplomats.

It would take columns of The Star to do justice to the splendid uniforms worn by members of the diplomatic corps. Some are familiar enough, but the military costumes of others, newly arrived at this post, added a brilliancy and dash most fascinating. The ladies accompanying the foreigners were also particularly happy in the toilets selected. Lady Pauncefote and Mme. Azpiroz, the two ambassadresses, wore black, as is generally their custom on daylight occasions. The youthful Countess Cassini was in white cloth, stitched with broad bands of white sating and with it a smart broad-brimmed flat trimmed with sable and a scarf of white lace falling to the shoulders at the back Her big muff of sable matched the ani-mals on her hat. Mme. Perez, daughter of tucked white cloth and wore a most becoming hat of white satin and dark fur. Mrs. Barron, wife of Capt. Barron of the Mexican embassy staff, wore a light cloth with a large hat. Mrs. Hengelmuller wore gray a large hat. Mrs. Hengelmuller wore gray cloth slashed to show stripes of rose brocade. Her hat was white tuffe. Mrs. Wu wore one of her richest native costumes and quantities of superb jewels, pearls and white and pink diamonds in her headdress. Mme. Takahira wore a pretty French dress of light cloth. Mme. Garcla Merou was in black and wore a white heat plack and wore a white hat.

The Diplomatic Corps.

Changes in the body of the diplomatic corps by reason of temporary absence from this country chiefly, caused several familiar figures to be missed. The Pan-American congress in Mexico has especially thinned out the ranks of the South American ministers whose legations are represented by charge d'affaires. A few new ministers and a number of new faces in the make-up of the tion this morning some who observed its

As already stated, Lady Pauncefote was the first of the diplomatic corps to greet the President. With Lady Pauncefote were her daughters, Miss Maude Pauncefote, Miss Sibyl Pauncefote and Miss Audrey Pauncefote. The newly arrived first secretary, Mr. Arthur St Raikes, was followed by Col. Corp. City Street Vitters Co. followed by Col. Geraid Charles Kitson, C. M. G., military attache, and Mrs. Kitson, M. G., military attache, and Mrs. Kitson, Mr. Percy Windham and Mr. H. C. Worman, second secretaries, and Mr. Dayrell E. M. Crackanthorpe, the third secretary, and his beautiful American wife, the daughter of Gen. Sickles, Mr. A. E. Humphreys Owen, honorary attache, was also in the line of British diplomats. The German ambassador, Dr. von Holleben, was accompanied by the first secretary, Count A. von Quadt, other secretaries and attaches and Lieutenant Commander von Rebeur Paschwitz, naval attache, and Frau von Rebeur Paschwitz.

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The French ambassador, Mr. Jules Cambon, just back from his vacation in his native land, was accompanied by Mr. Pierre de Margerie and Mrs. de Kirgerie, Captain and Mrs. Vignal, Lieutenant Commander de Faramond de Lorajole, Mr. Hermite and Mr. Antoine de Geafusy, attaches, and Mr. Jules Boeufve of his staff.

The Russian ambassador had with him his daughter, the youthful countess Marguerite Cassini; Mr. Alexander Zelenoy, Mr. Pierre Rogestvensky, Baron and Baroness Fersen and others of the embassy. The Mexican ambassador, Mr. Azpiroz, and Mrs. Aspiroz were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Perez, and Mr. Santibanez, Mr. Rodrigo Azperoz, Captain and Mrs. Aifredo Barron and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Torres of the embassy force.

The Italian ambassador, Mr. Edmondo Mayor de Planches and the last addition to the ambassadorial notabilities, was in company with Mr. Francisco Carignani di Novoli, the first secretary of the embassy. Mr. Grip, the minister of Sweden and

Arcos; the Brazilian minister, Mr. de Assis-Brasil; the Haytian minister, Mr. Leger; the Portuguese minister, Viscount de Santo-Thryso; the minister of Costa Rica, Mr. Calvo; the Salvadorean minister, Mr. Zaldi-

var; the Uruguay minister, Dr. Cuestas; some in their own countries and others in present. Mr. Riano, charge d'affaires for Spain, was present, as was Mr. Corea, min-Ister from Nicaragua; Baron Gevers of the Netherlands, Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister; Mrs. Takahira, Mr. Midori Komatz, Col. C. Watanabe, military attache; Commander Baron Shenrokuro Nishi, naval attache; Mr. Takashi Nakamura, Mr. Ma-sanao Hanihara and Mr. Durham White Stevens of the legation staff.

The Peruvian legation was represented by Mr. Tederico Alfonso Pezet, who had with him, Mrs. Pezet and Mr. Alfredo Alvarez Calderon, Mr. Fernando Guachalla, minister of Bolivia; Gen. Isaac Khan, minister of Persia; Mr. Silva, minster of Colombia, with Dr. Thomas Herran, secretary, and Mrs. Herran; the Korean minister, Mr. Menhui Cho, with secretaries and attaches; the Argentine minister, Dr. Garcia Merou, and wife; Mr. del Viso, secretary; Baron Monchieur, the minister of Belgium (who bride-elect being Miss Charlotte Clayton, daughter of the American ambassador), with Mr. Charles C. Wauters; the Slamese minister Phya Akharaj Varadhara; Turkish minister, Che Kib Bey, with Djelal Munif Bey and Sidky Bey, secretarles; Mr. Fulido, charge d'affaires of Venezuela, and Mr. Infante of the Chilean legation, now its charge d'affaires, with Mrs. Infante and members of the legation staff. of the countries with which this United States holds diplomatic relations.

After the members of the diplomatic

corps came Chief Justice Fuller and the associate justices of the United States judges of all the other high federal courts in Washington, representing as a whole the judicial branch of the government. Next came the legislative branch, senators and representatives in Congress. Speaker Henderson was among these.

The Congressional Contingent.

The unusually large number of ladies with the congressional contingent was noticeable. Most of the members of Congress were accompanied by their wives and daughters. Senator Mason, for instance. was accompanied by twelve members of his family and relatives. Among the congressmen were the follow

ing: Senators Lodge, Morgan, Cullom, Proc tor, Jones of Arkansas, Money, Quarles Burrows, Nelson, Scott, Pettus, Clarke, Wetmore, Platt of Connecticut. Culberson Dietrich, Millard, Martin, Stewart, Mc Comas, Patterson, Representatives Sim Burton, Gibson, Jones of Washington Sperry, Hooker, Sibley, Grosvenor, Steele Cushman, Swanson, Dovenner, Morris, Parker, Thomas of Iowa, Bell, Metcalf, Gillett, Hill, Long, Mondell, Kahn, Rixey, Prince, Delegates Flynn, Rodey and Resident Commissioner Degetau of Porto Ricc and Governor Otero of New Mexico. Com-missioners Macfarland, Ross and Biddle ollowed the congressmen, and behin judicial and other officers of the District of Columbia.

Heads of Army and Navy. There was the greatest attention and ex-

ectancy when the time arrived for the ofbody was watching when the President and as he advanced, and, with a smile on his face, extended his right hand. The President grasped it, shook it firmly, and also smiled. There was just a little more fornality than was apparent in the reception f some of the others.

To Gen.. Corbin and the others who fol-

BLOW AT ROOKERIES STRAUS GETS IN LINE

Buildings.

TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S HEALTH

Policy to Be Pursued by Chairman McMillan.

LEGISLATION IS DESIRED

A general policy for the improvement of the health of the city will be vigorously pursued by Senator McMillan, chairman of the Senate committee on the District of Columbia. He has written to the Commissioners of the District asking for a report on the number and character of insanitary buildings in the District and the extent to which insanitary plumbing exists in houses here. When this report is received it will form the basis for action looking to the betterment of conditions.

Mr. McMillan's Views.

"Why should we spend a couple of millions of dollars on a filtration plant in order to prevent the possibility of typhoid fever by means of the drinking water, and at the same time permit other sources of the same and other diseases to exist, when by municipal regulation it is possible to prevent them," remarked Senator McMillan when asked about his purposes by a Star reporter today. "If our death rate can be lowered or any classes of diseases can be stamped out or lessened by municipal regulations we should provide such regulations."

The District committee will not only se-cure accurate information concerning local conditions, so far as they relate to the health of the people, but it will ascertain the policy pursued in other cities in such matters with a view of adopting here the most commendable plan that exists any-where for preventing insanitary rookerles or alley hovels, that are shown to be unfit for human habitation.

Much Insanitary Plumbing.

It is understood that there still exists in the city a large amount of plumbing that is liable to be a fertile source of disease, and the inspector of plumbing will be asked to make some report on the extent to which such plumbing is to be found in this city, and, if possible, means will be adopted for improving it. The law now is such that the owners of houses with insanitary plumbing can be forced to replace it with sanitary work upon the complaint of tenants and a report of the inspector of plumbing showing that such a change in the plumbing is needed. But this law is not generally understood by tenants, even if they are aware of the had condition of the plumbing aware of the bad condition of the plumbing nsanitary houses that will come in

for a large share of attention in the cru-sade against disease will be those that are located in alleys where there is no sewer connection and where the conditions are regarded as favorable to the spread of an epidemic should one be brought into the unfit for human habitation will be designated by the health officer and that a law will be passed which will permit their more general destruction than has been the custom in the past.

Suggestions to Be Asked For.

In pushing measures for improving the health of the District, Senator McMillan is anxious to have suggestions regarding evils that exist and measures that should be adopted for their eradication. It is likely that the medical society will be requested later to make suggestions for improving conditions of health here so that this city may have a record for health equal, if not superior, to that of any city in the world. The benefit of judicious improvement in marked degree in Berlin, where typhoid fever existed to a large extent some years ago. That disease is now practically known in the German capital, and the improvement is directly traceable to sanitary measures that have been put in force there, among which was the purification of drinking water served to the city. What has been done there, it is believed, can be accomplished here, besides many other im-

provements adding to the health of the READY TO BUY THE ISLANDS.

This Government Now Awaiting

tion of Danish Anthorities.

In the absence of any fresh diplomatic exchanges between this country and Denmark on the subject, the officials of the State Department say there is no news to be made public regarding the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. There are no differences between proposed transfer. The United States is ready to close the deal, which appears to b ministry, owing to the agitation against the sale of the islands by some of the people of Denmark.

Army Orders.

Capt. John Adams Perry, 13th Infantry, has been granted sick leave for six months. Capt. Robert A. Brown, 4th Cavalry, aidde-camp, now on duty in this city, has been ordered to duty at Denver, Col.

First Lieut. Samuel A. Purviance, 15th Cavalry, has been assigned to duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Second Lieut. Thomas B. Crockett, 24th Infantry, and First Lieut. Olin O. Booth,

11th Infantry, have been granted extension of leave for one and two months, respec de-camp, now at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, has been ordered to Denver, Col., for duty.

Maj. Willis Wittich, 21st Infantry.

Maj. Charles L. Arathon and Capt. Hugh J. Gallagher of the commissary de-partment have been ordered to Omaha, Neb., on business pertaining to the commissary department. nissary department.

Contract Surgeon John T. Halsell has been relieved from duty in the Philippines and also from duty at the Presidio of San

and also from duty at the Presidio of Sar Francisco and ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for duty.

Contract Surgeon Robert C. Eve has been relieved from duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and ordered to the Philippines for

duty.
Capt. Charles C. Walcutt, jr., United States Cavalry, quartermaster, has been ordered to report to the quartermaster general in this city for instructions.

THE FORTUNE FETCHER

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I own.-A. T. Stewart.

Movement to Demolish Insanitary Democrats Organize the Maryland Legislature Without Hitch.

TROUBLE MAY COME LATER ON

Mr. Straus Declares His Surrender is Only Temporary.

GOVERNOR SMITH'S MESSAGE

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Md., January 1 .- The general assembly of Maryland was organized promptly at noon today without a hitch and the program of the democratic bosses was carried through John Hubner of Baltimore was elected

president of the senate, and Noble L. Mitchell of Harford county, speaker of the house. The other officers elected in the senate were Albert Ritter of Frederick, secretary; Albert J. Almony of Rockville, reading elerk, and Richard Worthington of Baltimore, journal clerk. In the house Dr. Benjamin L. Smith of Dorchester was chosen chief clerk, Mr. Frederick Sassier of Prince George's county journal clerk, and Walter R. Townsend reading clerk.

The republican nominees were: For president of the senate, Lewis Putzel of Baltimore, and Abraham Lincoln Dryden of Somerset for speaker of the he The respective nominees polled their full

party vote and the democratic candidates were chosen by a majority of eight in the senate and seven in the ho

Gov. Smith's Message. Governor Smith sent his biennial mes-

sage to the general assembly after the organization of the two houses. It is a long and uninteresting document, and is devoted to a detailed account of the condition of public affairs since the opening of his administration two years ago. He defends the extra session of last year and commends the new election law and the state census. He recommends several changes in the ballot law which will make it more difficult for illiterate citizens to vote and still fur-ther restrict the suffrage. The state finances are shown to be in excellent condition, but rigid economy is urged upon the

general assembly. The usual time-honored ceremonies were used in the opening of the two houses, and

Notices of contest were filed by both parties against several members who were returned elected and at least one-third of the members of the two houses have con-In their houses, and it is only rarely that a case is brought up for its enforcement, tests on their hands, which are about equally divided between the two parties. general impre these are merely bloffs and will never be pushed to conclusion, as that would involve too much time and labor and prevent

other business.

The threatened break in the ranks of the democrats was averted after much trouble and many conferences, which lasted up to as peacemaker and managed to persuade Mr. Straus and his friends to allow the without a row. Mr. Straus, in explaining abated his hostility to the bosses, but would defer further action until later. While the of organizing the house on Chairman Vandiver and other democratic bosses managed affairs from the speaker's

napolis were Representatives Wachter and Schirm, who acted as advisors to the republican members of the general assembly. ganizing the two houses of the general assembly and the reading of the governor's message an adjournment was taken until

KILLED THREE TONS OF SPARROWS Result of the Annual Hunt of Illinois Farmers.

next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

PANA, Ill., January 1 .- The annual spar row hunt of Pleasant township has ended and as a result three tons of sparrows were killed. The hunt was indulged in by two parties of farmers. Twenty men on each side engaged in the pursuit, the stake being a banquet to be given by the party securing the fewest birds. The victorious party brought in 13,000 birds, while the losers bagged 11,000, a total of 24,000. birds averaged four ounces each. hunt has been in progress for one week.

THREW LIGHTED LAMP AT WIFE Cleveland Man Resented Her Drinking Beer Late at Night.

CLEVELAND, Ohlo, January 1.-When Frank Bayes, living on Hamilton street, returned home early in the morning. He found his wife and a girl named Lucy Beand he threw a lighted lamp at his wife, which struck her, exploded and then glanced off, hitting the girl. The burning oil set the clothing of both women on fire. The women are now at the hospital, probably fatally burned, and Bayes is

MURDER AND OUTRAGE AT DENVER Boy Killed and His Sister Brutall Assaulted.

DENVER, Colo., January 1.-An unknown man last night attacked Harold Friedburn, aged fifteen, and Florence, his sister, aged sixteen, while they were skating on a small pond near their home in North Denver. The boy was struck on the head with an ax and instantly killed. The girl was then assaulted, Some time later she recovered consciousness and reached her home. The police were notified. The girl gave a fair description of the man. She says she bit his finger severely and the police hope this may aid them in his

CATHOLIC INSTITUTE WRECKED at Duluth.

DULUTH, Minn., January 1.-The ex plosion of a boiler in the basement of the